

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Proposed changes to Figs. 1-3 and 5 are submitted herewith,  
with a Letter to the Official Draftsman.

#### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claim 2 is allowable. Independent claims 1, 4, and 5 have been rewritten as new claims 6, 8, and 9 to include the features of allowable claim 2. New claim 7 recites features of original claim 3. New claims 6-9 have been drafted to avoid the issues underlying the objections to claims 1, 2, 4, and 5. Therefore, allowance of claims 6-9 is warranted.

Proposed changes to Figs. 1-3 and 5 are submitted herewith to overcome the objections thereto.

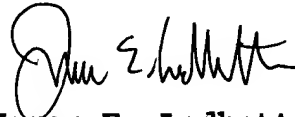
A new Abstract is submitted herewith as required by the Office Action.

The specification has been amended for clarity, as suggested in the Office Action. No new matter is believed to be introduced by the amendment of the specification.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

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FIG. 1

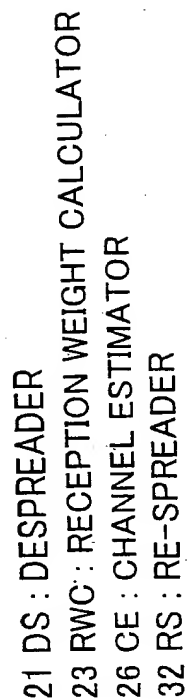


FIG. 2

RELATED ART

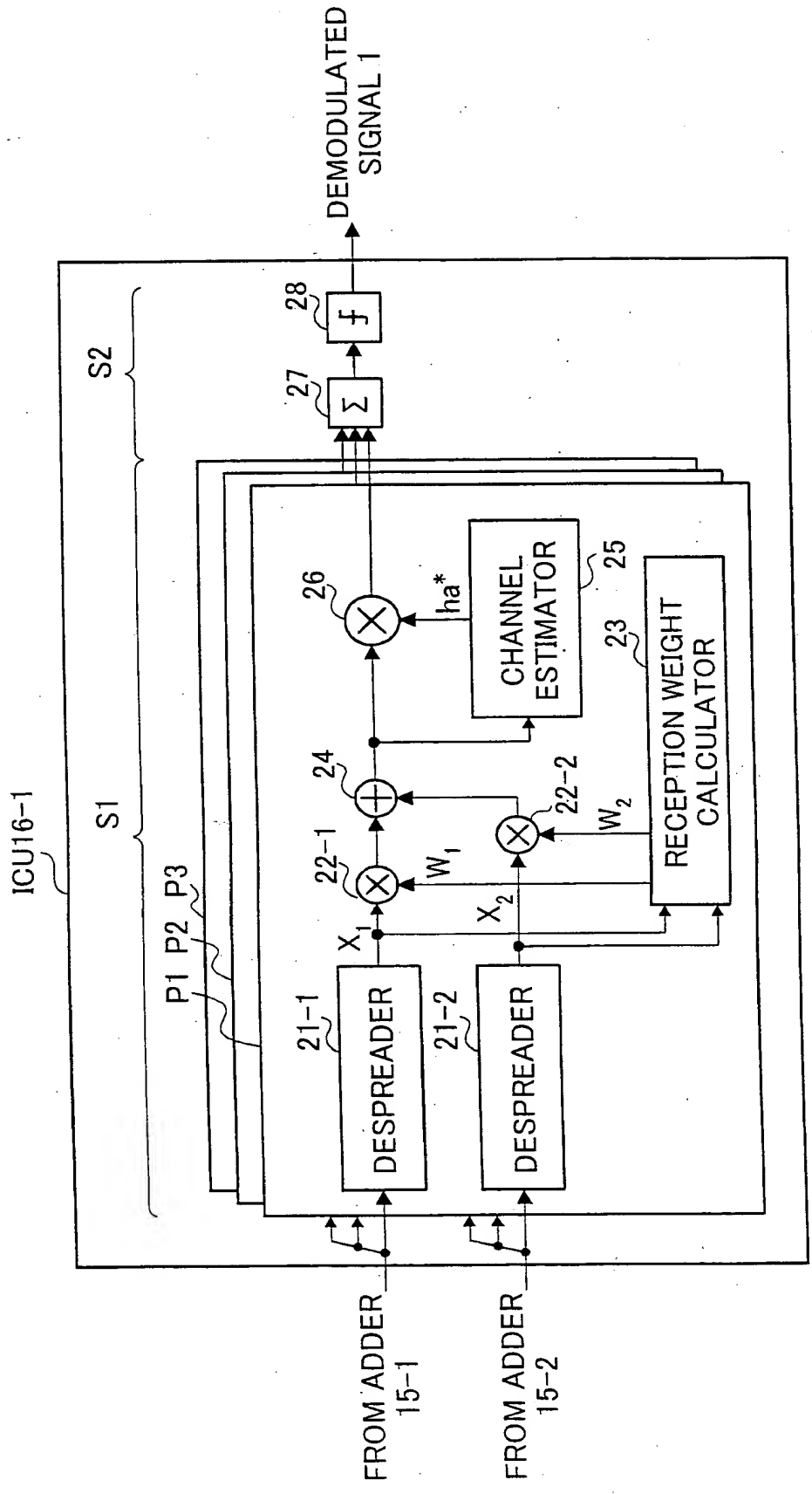


FIG.3  
RELATED ART

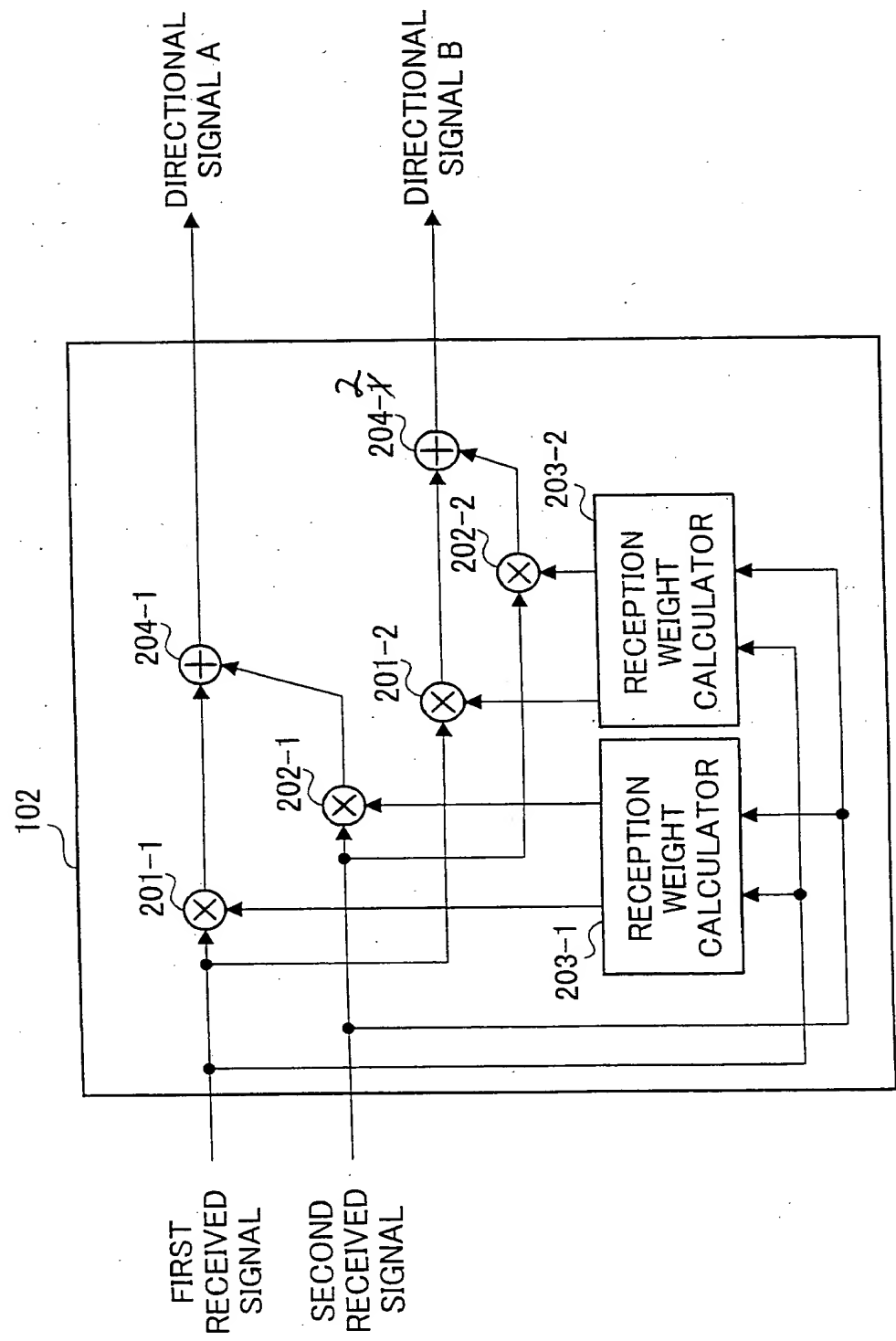


FIG.5